(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to each of the major proposals in the plan; and

(c) whether these have been conveyed to the Rajasthan Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Central Ministry of Tourism has not received any Master Plan on Tourism prepared by Rajasthan Government.

Scheduled Trips by Indian Airlines

68. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total number of trips scheduled by the Indian Airlines from Ist September, 1988 to 15th October, 1988;

(b) what was the number of trips delayed;

(c) what was the number of trips cancelled;

(d) whether it is a fact that the delays and cancellations caused enormous inconvenience to the travelling public; and

(e) if so, what action Government propose to take to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) Indian Airlines operated a total number of 8,407 flights during the month of September, 1988, out of which 2,914 flights were delayed and 270 cancelled. Figures for the month of October, 1988 are yet to be compiled.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Indian Airlines has since revised its schedules and operated standby aircraft capacity and provided adequate cushions at base stations to minimise disruptions in the schedule.

Airstrip at Farrukhabad

69. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) when the air-strip at Farrukhabad in Uttar Pradesh was proposed and what was the out-line of the proposal and the estimated cost;

(b) what is the progress as on date, the steps already initiated and those proposed to be taken in the near future: and

(c) whether Vayudoot services would be available from Farrukhabad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The National Airports Authority does not have any plans for construction of an airstrip at Farrukhabad.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Farrukhabad is not included in the list of stations identified for airlinking by Vayudoot during the current Plan period.

Running of Kalindi Express between Farrukhabad and Delhi

70. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the timings of Kalindi Express, the only Express train between Farrukhabad and Delhi, do not suit the passengers of Farrukhabad; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to change the timings of this train so that people from Farrukhabad can reach Delhi early in the morning and finishing their work thereafter they can start their return journey by the evening?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Kalindi Express leaves Farrukhabad at 23.00 hrs. and arrives Delhi at 9.45 hrs. In the return direction, it leaves Delhi at

12.15 hrs and arrives Farrukhabad at 5.15 hrs. These timings are by and large acceptable to the passengers on Farrukhabad-Delhi section.

Cut in Allocation of Funds for Education

71. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item in the Times of India' dated the 17th September, 1988 under the caption "Fun shortage hits education plans";

(b) if so, whether due to drastic cut in allocations made for implementation of the new education policy, the plans are in doldrums; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for drastic cuts in allocations and what steps Government propose to take to provide adequate funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is a resource constraint. Notwithstanding the overall constraint however, efforts are being made to implement the thrust areas under NPE as best as possible.

(c) The resources made available for education depend upon the total availability of resources for developmental activities and the competing demands from other sectors.

Maintenance of National Highways

72. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total kilometerage of roads under National Highways and approximate amount sanctioned per annum for their maintenance during the last three years;

(b) whether the annual budgetary allocation is considered sufficient for the maintenance of these highways; and

(c) if not, in what manner Government propose to provide additional funds for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The total length of National Highways is 32138 km. The following amount was sanctioned for maintenance of National Highways during the last three years.

Year	Amount
1985-86	Rs. 90.00 crores
1986-87	Rs. 94.25 crores
1987-88	Rs. 99.03 crores

(b) and (c) Because of constraints of financial resources and other priorities, it has not been possible to get the required allocations for the maintenance of these highways.

Bogus Recruitment by the Divisional Railway Managers of Lucknow and Allahabad

73. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1050 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August, 1988 and state:

(a) the progress made so far in resolving the cases of irregular engagement of casual labour and substitutes on Allahabad and Lucknow Divisions, including a case of alleged fictitious payments of wages to 29 substitutes on the Lucknow Division; and

(b) if so, what is the out-come of the C.B.I. or Railway Administrative inquiry in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Information is being collected from Northern Railwawy and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.